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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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- I Basis of the report
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- IV Lack of unity of invention
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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*** the international application as originally filed the description:

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-46	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-46	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-46	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1 to 46

Document 1: JP 2002-9966 A (Soft Ryutsu K.K.), 11 January 2002, entire text, fig. 1-5

Document 1 discloses a feature wherein content data is managed in a detachable external memory medium, and readout of the aforementioned content data is only permitted for a mobile telephone having as its own telephone number a numerical identifier recorded as associated with said data.

Document 2: JP 9-307543 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 28 November 1997, entire text, fig. 1-8

Document 2 discloses a feature wherein digitized copyrighted material data is encrypted and provided to a user, and when playing back the data, a decoding key is used to decrypt the aforementioned encrypted data.

Document 3: Eiji Okamoto, *Angou riron nyuumon*, Kyoritsu Shuppan Co., Ltd., 25 February 1993, 1st ed.

Document 3 discloses a known feature wherein encrypted telecommunication is performed by generating an encryption key using identifying information for a card-

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holding user, and data is encrypted using the encryption key.

Document 4: JP 4-347949 A (Toshiba Corp.), 3 December 1992, paragraphs [0048]-[0050]

Document 4 discloses a conventional protocol wherein the consistency of a public key is confirmed by determining whether information decrypted by a remote party matches information maintained locally.

In the light of the known conventional features disclosed in documents 3 and 4, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying the feature for encrypting and distributing content disclosed in document 2 to the content-processing technique disclosed in document 1 as a technique for distributing content comprising copyrighted data, thereby producing a content-processing device or method or a content-storing medium which encrypts and manages content data using an encryption key based on identifying information, and permits decryption on the condition of the consistency of the information based on said identifying information.

Moreover, when distributing content data over a computer network, organizing processing steps into a program and storing the program in a memory medium is standard practice for a person skilled in the art.